

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 – 25 and 36 – 60 stand rejected but claims 26 – 35 as well as 61 – 70 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome objections. To obtain a prompt issuance of a patent with the allowable claims, Applicant has cancelled the non-allowable claims.

The Examiner has objected to the words: “natural language messages” within the claims because “natural language” refers to a specific term of art associated with speech processing systems. However, as taught in this application, specifically at the bottom of page 4 to the top of page 5 and in claims 2 and 3, the words “natural language message” refer to a message intended to communicate with a human where that message could be a visual message or it could be an audible message. Because the applicant is allowed to be his own lexicographer, and because there is no other single word that encompasses both visual messages and auditory messages designed to be understood by humans, the Examiner’s objection should be withdrawn.


The Examiner’s objections to the forms of claims 61 – 70 are well taken. These claims have been rewritten as claims 74 and 77 – 85 in the form of one independent claim and several dependent claims corresponding with allowable claims 26 – 35.

Claims 71 – 73 add additional dependent claims from claim 26. Because they are dependent, they are allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

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